

Make 'n Take



Name of Make 'n Take: Create a Talking Stick

Theme & Topic: The First Nations Struggle to be Recognized: The First Nations Return to their Language and Cultural Teachings

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Materials:

2 – foot long branches/sticks, tape, beads for decoration, 3 pipe cleaners, 3 feathers
(color choices: Blue – to represent water, Yellow – represent sun, Green – represents grass.) These are the elements.

Procedure:

1. After reading the story “As Long as the River Flows”, create a talking stick to discuss feelings and thoughts about residential schools. Tape 3 sticks together at the ends.
2. Twist 1 pipe cleaner around the sticks in 7-8 segments. Attach yellow beads as desired to represent the color of the sun.

3. Attach with another pipe cleaner (student chosen color) 3 blue feathers (to represent the color of water) to one end of the sticks. Note: All material colors of beads, pipe cleaners and feathers can be interchangeable to represent earth's color elements.
4. Write on the sticks (in dark marker) between the segments the following phrases:
 "As long as the sun shines
 As long as the rivers flows
 As long as the grasses grow."

This saying explains to students how long treaties will survive throughout time.